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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

VU ET AL

Examiner

Maria Guerrero

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Election filed March 24, 2005.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1-22 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement filed October 20, 2003 has been considered.

Election/Restrictions

4. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (claims 13-18) in the reply filed on March 24, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the Restriction Requirement mischaracterized the relationship between the two sets of claims as process of making and product made. This is not found persuasive because the group I also included the independent claim 8 that recites an electronic circuit board assembly. Regarding claims 1 and 13, the product can be used on material different method. For example, to deposit a material in a semiconductor substrate having trenches. In addition, the inventions are distinct because they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

5. Claims 1-12 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on March 24, 2005.

Specification

6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not in the range of 50 to 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words.

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 13-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoebeneer et al. (US 5,492,266).

Hoebeneer et al. teaches coupling a circuit board assembly (inherently includes the via) and electronic components (Abstract, col. 1, lines 7-20, col. 2, lines 45-65). Hoebeneer et al. discloses disposing a joining material mask (Fig. 8). Hoebeneer et al. shows with a stencil depositing a joining material (solder) on the circuit board in a pattern that comprises an out-gassing channel forming "X" shape in the joining material (Fig. 8-9, col. 2, lines 45-67, col. 4, lines 1-10, col. 5, lines 22-60). Hoebeneer et al. describes placing the electronic component in contact with the joining material, heating the joining material and cooling the circuit board assembly (Fig. 13, col. 5, lines 65-67, col. 6, lines col. 6, lines 1-67). Hoebeneer et al. shows the component pad and the component pad comprising a ground pad is considered to be implicit (Fig. 12, see other publications in the front page).

Conclusion


8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McCormick et al. (US 6,580,174), MacKay et al. (US 6,609,652), Schaper (US 5,410,107), Fjelstad et al. (US 5,632,631), Torigian et al. (US 6,623,283), Bresin et al. (US 5,420,377), Biunno et al. (US 6,282,782) and McMillan, II et al. (US 5,842,275) are cited as evidence to show that the step of depositing joining material in a pattern that comprises an out-gassing channel is well known in the art.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maria Guerrero whose telephone number is 571-272-1837.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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June 3, 2005


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